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Fw: Re: Inquiry - Ft. Meade Mine
Brad Jackson
to:
Carol Monell
07/13/2010 07:06 AM
Cc:
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Date: 07/12/2010 05:14PM
Cc: Brad Jackson/R4/USEPA/US@EPA, Heinz Mueller/R4/USEPA/US@EPA
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Sierra Club did win an injunction to stop work - but difficulty will be to differentiate portion of mine where stop work is effective versus where it is not.
Our program is currently drafting a formal response to a letter sent.

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Paul Gagliano---07/12/2010 02:21:26 PM---I have a call in with Brad Ammons - - will let you know what he says.

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Brad Jackson---07/12/2010 02:14:34 PM---Paul: Thanks for the update. Do I need to follow-up with the enforcement folks? Also, does anyone

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Paul:

Thanks for the update. Do I need to follow-up with the enforcement folks? Also, does anyone plan to follow-up with soon?

Thanks, Brad

Paul Gagliano

----- Original Message -----

From: Paul Gagliano

Sent: 07/12/2010 01:53 PM EDT

To: Brad Jackson; Heinz Mueller

Cc: Carol Monell; Derek Matory; guillard.jennifer@epa.gov; Jennifer Derby; Tom Welborn; Chris Hoberg; Ron Miedema

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Brad,

has also e-mailed me several times, as well as calling a few times. is very upset, and complaints are generally about the Corps allowing the expansion the phosphate mining operations in the area. e told me that is actually surrounded on 3 sides by the proposed South Fort Meade Extension , and that drag lines were recently being mobilized (mid-June 2010) to commence new work. sent me a number of documents and photos, and said there are stormwater and other (potential) violations of the permit conditions (lack of BMPs, etc).

Because this appears to be more of an enforcement issue (not a NEPA issue, as I told), I sent this on to the Water Protection Division enforcement folks (Brad Ammons, Molly Davis, Susan Pope) and asked if someone in enforcement could look into this (they will talk to the state first). I offered to forward the information that sent me. I also have informed Ron Miedema about the situation, and Ron and have spoken (I believe).

BTW, Tom Welborn said that he received a call from National Sierra Club office (mid-June 2010) about the work starting on Mosaic and he said Sierra indicated they may seek a stop work order on the site. They requested copies of EPA's last comment letter to the Corps on the project (which Tom emailed to them). The Sierra Club indicated to Tom that the company had started clearing the site

best regards,

Paul

Brad Jackson---07/12/2010 01:23:06 PM---Jennifer/Paul: The Superfund Division was forwarded a telephone inquiry regarding the start of mini

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Subject: Concerned Citizen Inquiry - Ft. Meade Mine

Jennifer/Paul:

The Superfund Division was forwarded a telephone inquiry regarding the start of mining at the Ft. Meade Mine in Hardee County, Florida. I spoke with [redacted] on Friday and [redacted] relayed several concerns regarding the start of Mining at the Ft. Meade Mine, Hardee Track.

[redacted] mainly wanted to know why EPA allowed Mosaic to start the mining. [redacted] said that EPA had objected to the mining via letter earlier this year. [redacted] also said that Manasota 88, the Sierra Club, and Manatee County had obtained a restraining order to prevent the start of the mining.

I generally explained to [redacted] that the EPA Superfund Division is not involved with the permitting of mines, and that I would get [redacted] in touch with the appropriate person at EPA that could help him with his questions and concerns.

[redacted] email address is [redacted] and his phone no. is [redacted]. Will one of you please follow-up with [redacted]

Let me know if there's someone else I need to get him in touch with.

Thanks, Brad

(P.S. - Paul, the is maybe someone to involve in the next sumit)